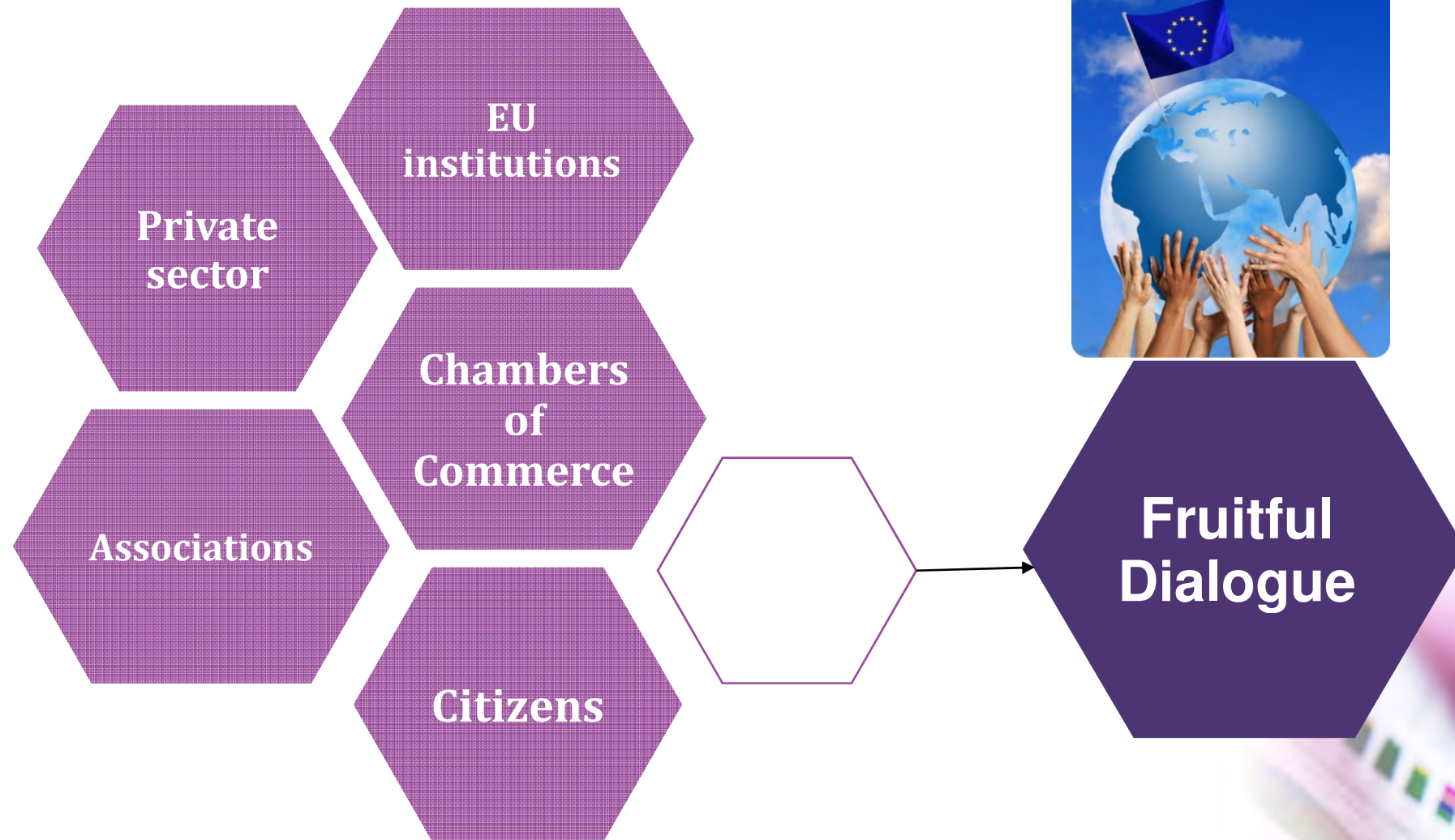


Second “Plus Europe Conference”,



The European Union needs urgently a new Social Model



1

First “Plus Europe Conference”

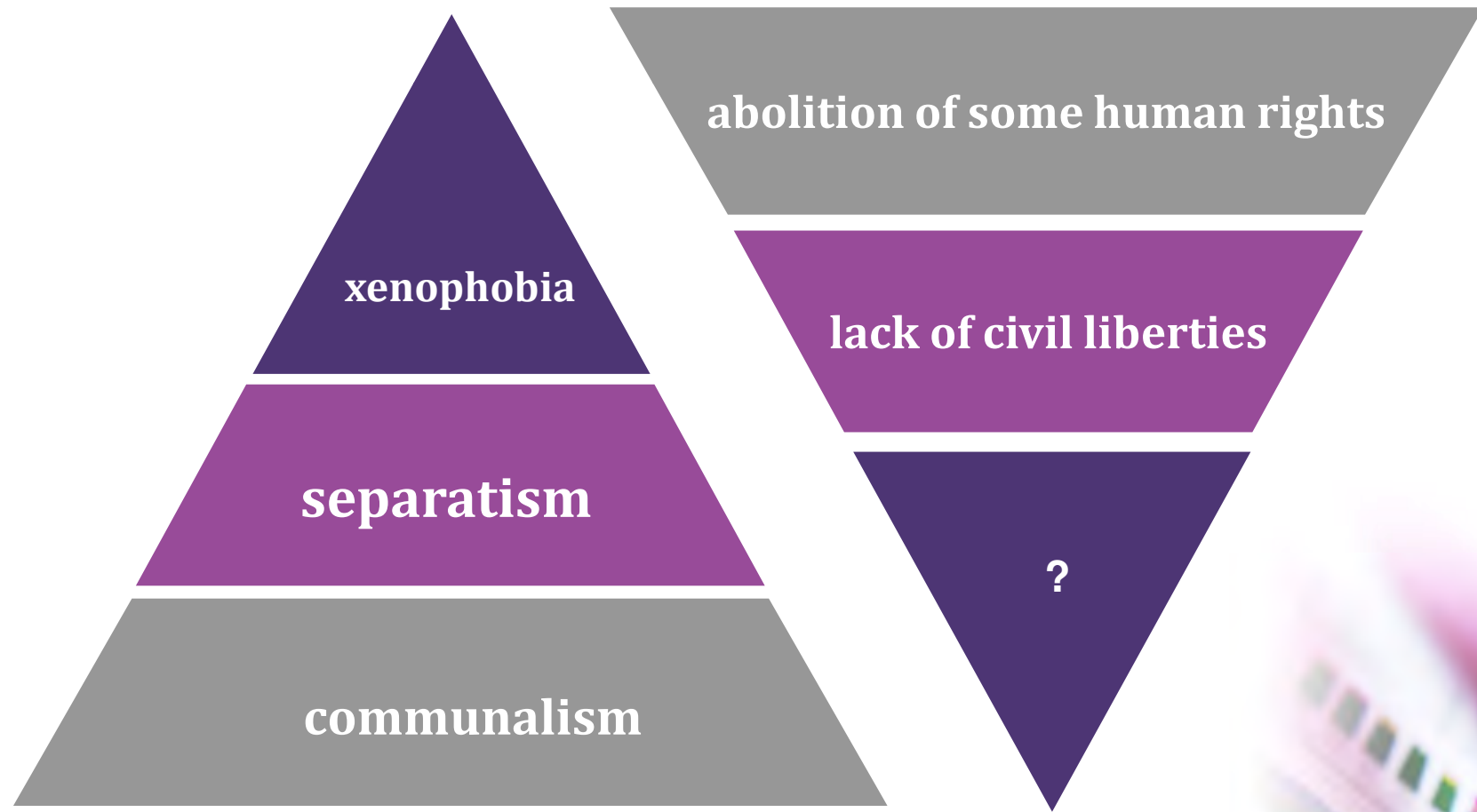
2

The evolution of Europe throughout this year

3

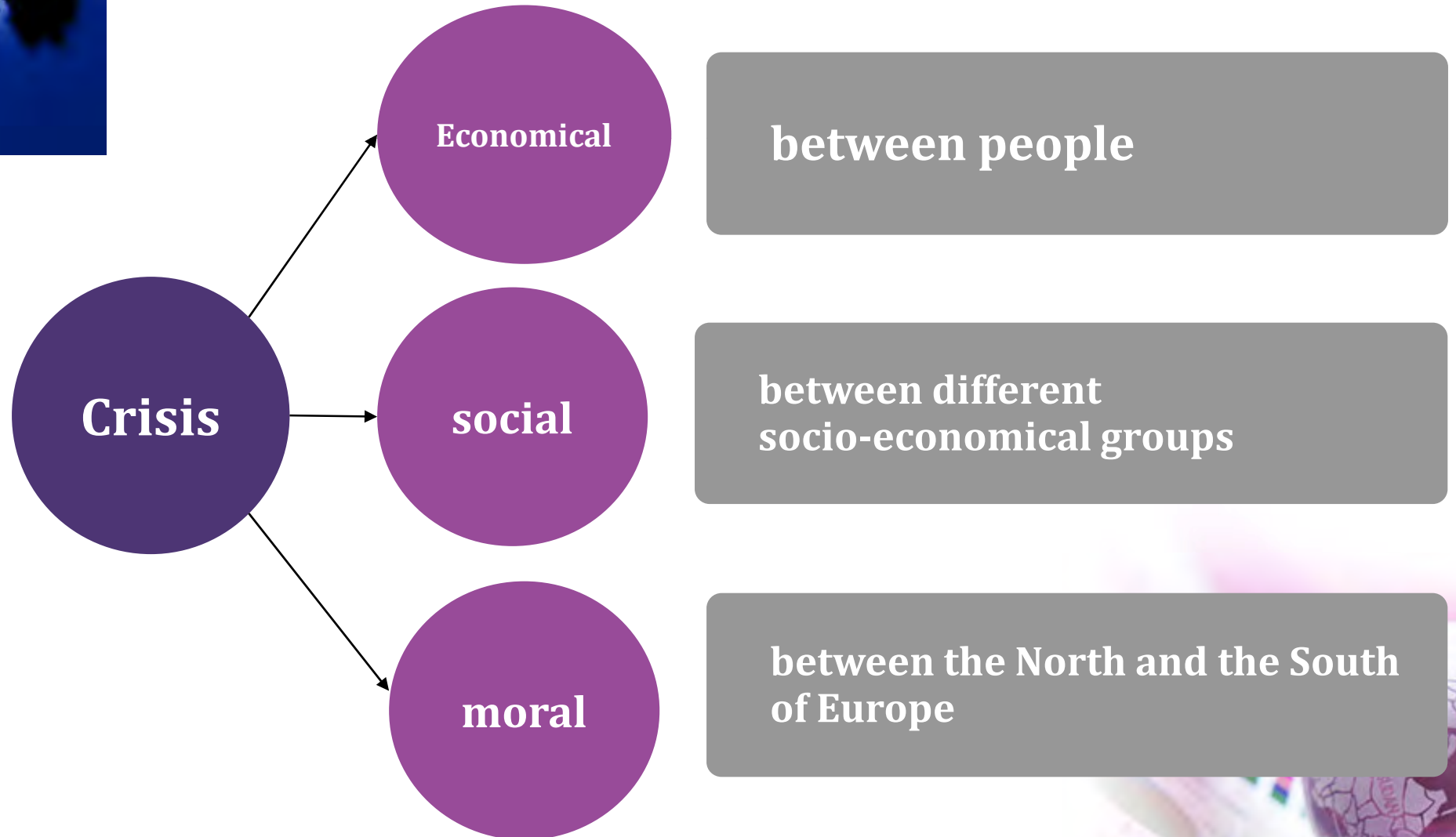
The current very worrying worldwide social situation

As result of the current multifaceted crisis



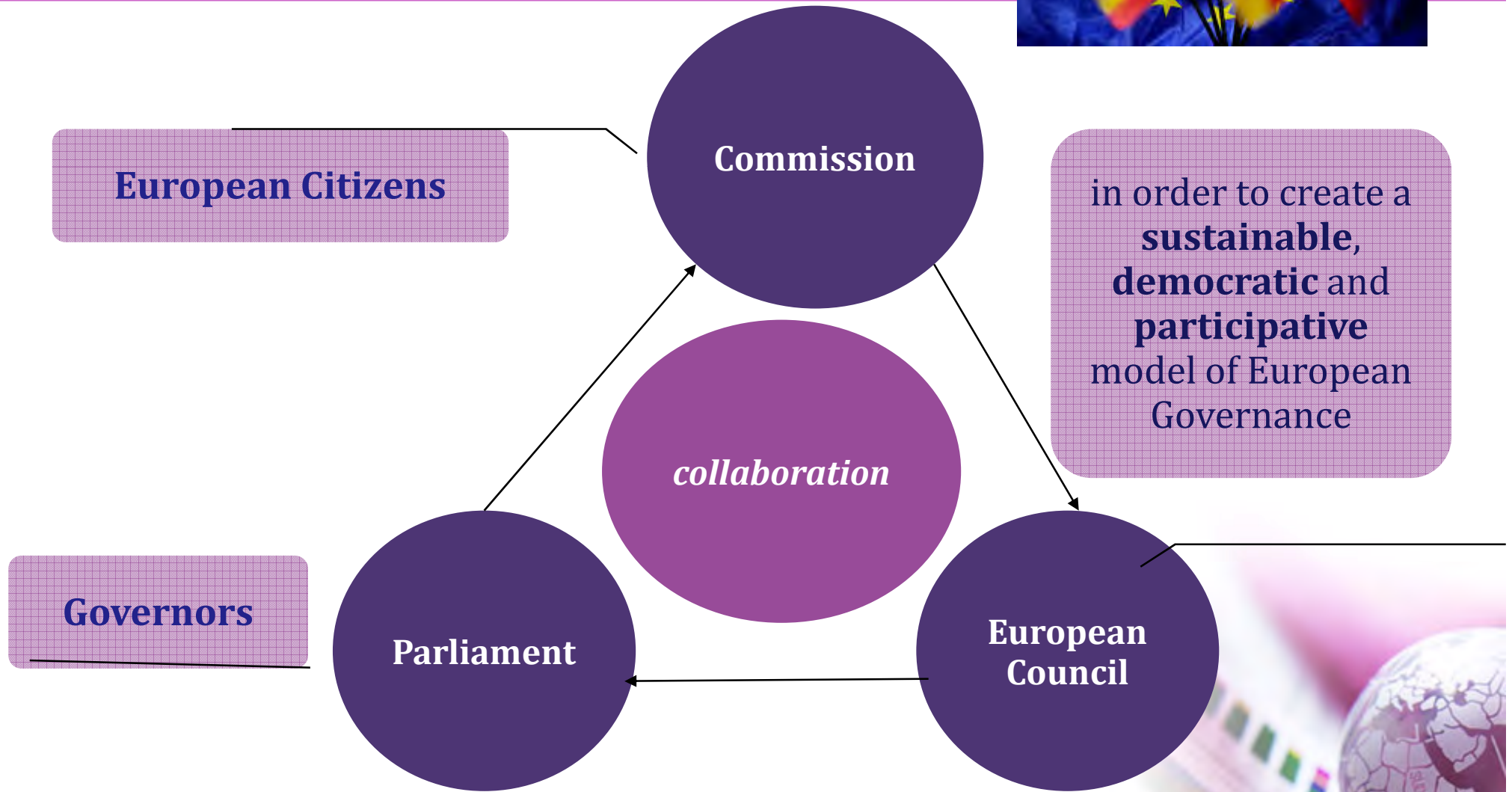
The public perception ?

Eradicate the differences in the quality of life & welfare

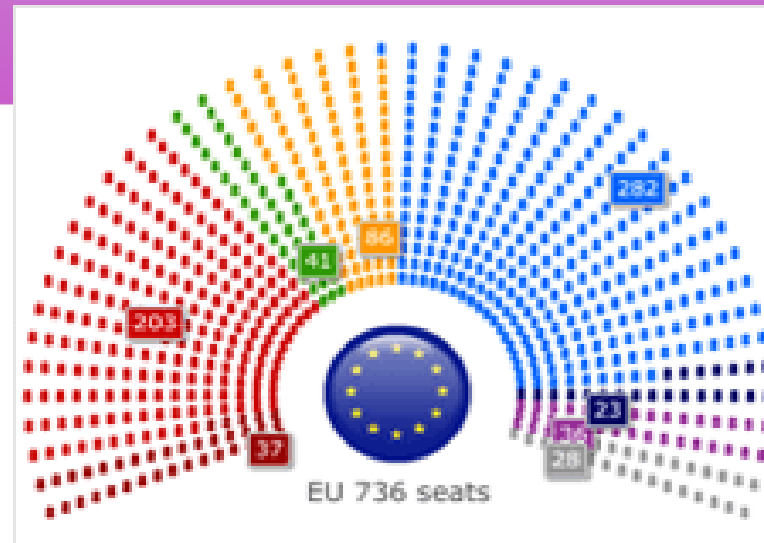


Those differences do not permit the equal participation of all citizens in a common European Social Project.

The communication gap ...



few days before European Elections...



1

Promoting abstention

2

Extreme votes

few days before European Elections...



we would like to stress the importance of **participation** of all European citizens in the elections procedures, by voting in their respective countries their representatives.

The Standards of a Social Model in Europe



European society has to face these problems by overpassing recession and favoring growth and employment.

We will examine this afternoon, with your contribution, the model of a **new political and social era** which is necessary to be created, based on the indivisible, universal values of **dignity, freedom, equality, social cohesion and solidarity**, which are the core of the founding principles of the European Union.





Xavier Prats-Monné

Deputy Director-General for Education and Culture at the European Commission

European Commission representative in the Governing Board of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT).

He is responsible for the modernisation of European education and training systems; EU policies and programs for mobility and cooperation in education, including the new Erasmus+ Program for 2014-2020; and relations with international organisations and non-EU countries in the field of education.

Until 2010 - Director for employment

He was one of the five founding members of the EC's Impact Assessment Board, reporting to the President of the European Commission. He previously served as Director of the European Social Fund; as Deputy Chief of Staff of the EC Vice-President for international relations; as Advisor of the EC Commissioner for Regional policy; and as Assistant to the Spokesman under President Jacques Delors.





Joan Francesc Pont

Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona

Ph D in Law, lecturer at the University of Barcelona since 1982, Full Professor since 2003. Fellow: Spanish Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences since 1999.

General Secretary (1989-1992) and Dean of the University of Barcelona Business School (1992-1998 and 2004-05). Director-general: University of Barcelona Institute for Life Long Learning (IL3 - UB) (2005-07). Member of the Governing Board of the University of Barcelona (2001-05). Chairperson: Legal and Tax Commission of the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce (since 2010). Third Vice- president: Barcelona Chamber of Commerce (since 2013). Researcher on business tax problems. President of PONT MESTRES, a Law firm established in Barcelona and Madrid, since 2008.

President of the Francisco Ferrer y Guardia Foundation (since 1987) and President of the Magín Pont Mestres y Antonio Lancuentra Buerba Foundation (since 2008).

He has been distinguished for his rich literary activity. He is Member of the Advisory Committee of the scientific review *Impuestos* and of the Editorial Committee of *Difusión Jurídica y Temas de Actualidad S.A.* Member of the Advisory Board: Research Center for Applied Epistemology in Barcelona.



Denis Stokkink

President of « *Pour la Solidarité* »

Denis Stokkink is a trained economist with a comparatively broad and rich professional experience. His position as consultant for the Belgian Secretary of Labor allowed him to actively participate in the Belgian presidency of the European Union in 2001.

Since 2003 he is the president of the European Think Tank *Pour la Solidarité*. He also is administrator of numerous social economy organizations in Europe and provides essential knowledge on socio-economic European politics to several Belgian and French training organisms.

“*Pour la Solidarité (PLS)*” is a European non-governmental organisation. It provides information and support to European citizens, economic and social organizations and public authorities.

This organisation aims to develop solidarity - all forms of solidarity - through a specific demarche, which is to create networks of competences, or European poles of "linking", between the 5 majors key actors of the society namely companies, public authorities, trade unions, associations representing civil society and universities.





Thank you !

Dr. Ina Piperaki,

*University of Athens,
International Consultant*

inapiperaki@icloud.com

12/5/2014 Brussels – Committee of the Regions